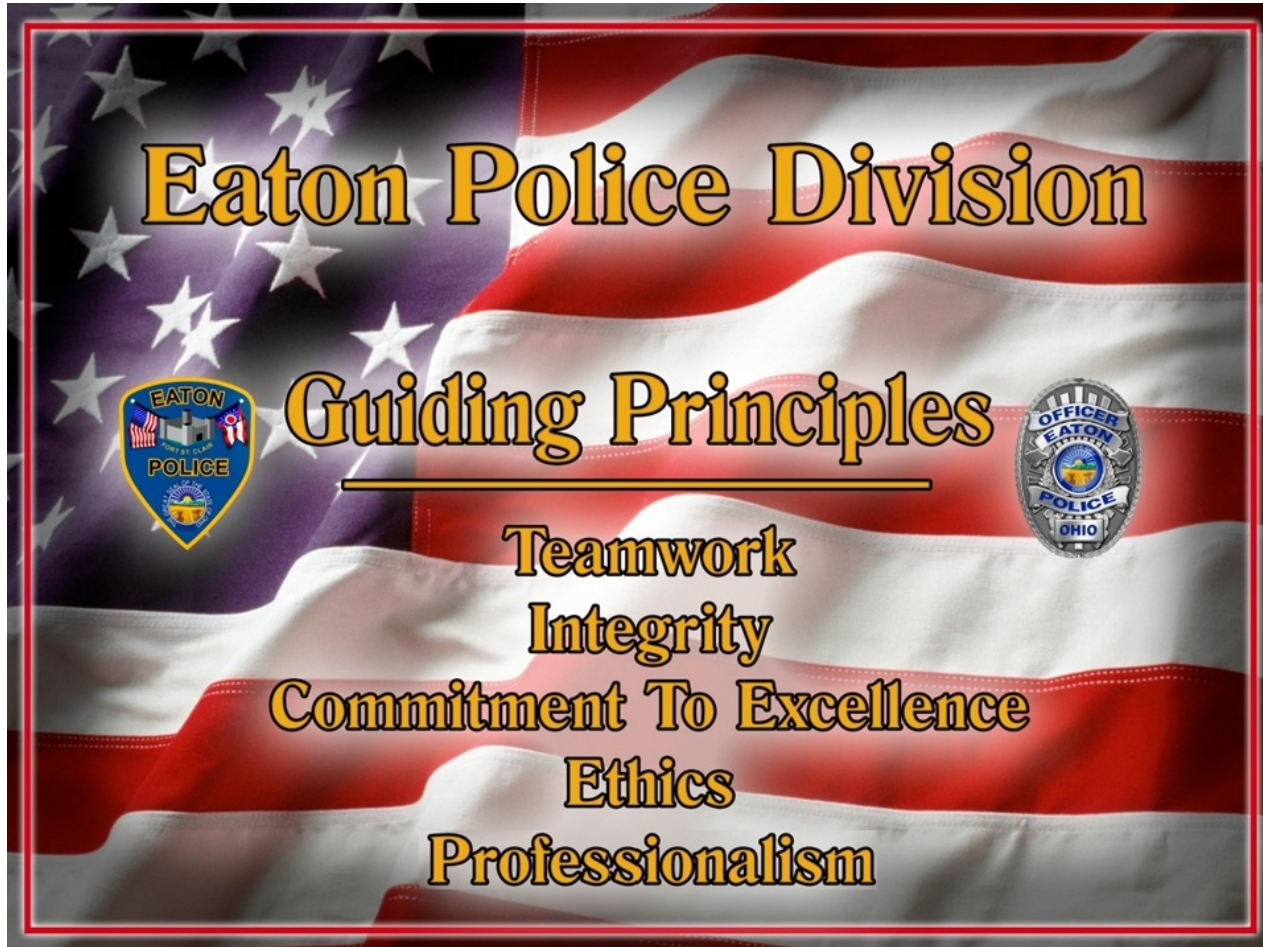


# Eaton Police Division

## 2020 Annual Report



*"Proud to Serve"*

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# Eaton Police Division

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**Mr. Gary Wagner – Councilman**  
**Mr. Matt Venable – Councilman**

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**Mr. Brad Moore - Councilman**  
**Mr. Brad Collins – City Manager**

Dear Sirs,

It is with great pleasure I submit to you the Eaton Police Division's Annual Report for 2020. The Annual Report contains a variety of information, but I wanted to take this opportunity to inform of you of some of the highlights from 2020 not mentioned in the report.

- In January, Lt. Sizemore and Sergeant Mackey completed Incident Command 300 & 400 and K-9 Officers Jones and Pheanis attended Drug Interdiction training.
- In March, Aaron Melling was hired and joined our team as an Eaton Police Officer
- In July, Officer Wray and Officer Schmidt completed School Resource Officer basic training and joined the Ohio School Resource Officer Association.
- In September, Detective Huling, Officer Pheanis, Officer Rose, and Officer Eley attended the REID Interviews and Interrogations school. Officer Eley became a Standard Field Sobriety Instructor.
- In October, Officer Wray and Officer Schmidt became certified ALICE instructors.
- In November, Detective Tom Huling completed Detective Investigations school.
- In December, Officer Eley became a certified Taser instructor
- Our employee training program continued throughout the year and some of the training topics included Firearms training, Taser training, Pepper Spray training, Standard Field Sobriety, and Crisis Intervention Training.

The women and men of the Eaton Police Division worked hard to protect our community in 2020 and this report reflects their hard work and commitment to our community. We also want to recognize and thank City Council for the opportunities afforded to us and the support we receive that allows us to effectively serve the citizens of Eaton. On behalf of the Eaton Police Division it is my pleasure to present this report to Council.



Respectfully,  
Steven R. Hurd  
Chief of Police



## **Mission**

**The mission of the City of Eaton Police Division is to help save lives, protect property, and assist the citizens of the City of Eaton in their time of need.**

## **Vision**

United in the spirit of teamwork, we are dedicated to the City of Eaton and will be unyielding in our efforts to provide the highest level of professional service, compassion, and respect to our citizens.

## **Guiding Principles**

Central to this mission are principles that guide our chosen profession, our daily decisions, and our daily life. We keep our principles clearly visible to remind us of our ideals. These guiding principles are the foundation for which our policies, goals, and practices are anchored.

**Teamwork** - Each and every member of the Eaton Police Division is a valuable and important member of the team, recognizing that we are most effective when we combine our strengths.

**Integrity**- An Eaton Police Division employee shall never compromise himself or herself by dishonesty, lack of character, or favoritism.

**Commitment to excellence** - An Eaton Police Division employee shall strive to maintain the highest standards of effectiveness and efficiency.

**Ethics** - An Eaton Police Division employee challenges himself or herself both on duty and off duty with the following question, "Is what I'm doing legally and morally right?"

**Professionalism** – Each member of the Eaton Police Division strives to demonstrate the leadership, skills, judgment, attention to detail, and professional behavior that is expected of law enforcement professionals.



Steven R. Hurd  
Chief of Police

## Personnel

We are proud of our team at the Eaton Police Division and would like to commend them to our Council, and our Community. They are professional men and women that take pride in their service. We have a dedicated and well-trained staff that has served an average of 11 years with the City of Eaton. Below is our roster for 2020. The first number is total years of service which includes time spent with other law enforcement agencies. The second number is the time the individual has been with the Eaton Police Division.

### Administration

Chief Steven R. Hurd	26 Years of Service - 23 Years with Eaton PD
Lieutenant David Sizemore	35 Years of Service – 29 Years with Eaton PD
Admin Assistant Tonya Hickman	12 Years of Service – 10 Years with Eaton PD

### Sergeant

Sergeant Sean Mackey	12 Years of Service - 10 Years with Eaton PD
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### Detectives

Detective Brian Carpenter	25 Years of Service – 24 Years with Eaton PD
Detective Tom Huling	2 Years of Service – 2 Years with Eaton PD

### Officers

Officer Pete Wray (SRO)	24 Years of Service - 20 Years with Eaton PD
Officer Scott Eversole	23 Years of Service - 20 Years with Eaton PD
Officer Clinnie Stevenson	21 Years of Service - 20 Years with Eaton PD
Officer Anthony Schmidt (SRO)	18 Years of Service - 18 Years with Eaton PD
Officer Craig Jones (K9)	13 Years of Service - 12 Years with Eaton PD
Officer Derek Pheanis (K9)	3 Years of Service- 3 Years with Eaton PD
Officer John Nickell	2 Years of Service - 2 Years with Eaton PD
Officer Sarah Rose	1 Year of Service - 1 Year with Eaton PD
Officer Vanessa Eley	7 Years of Service - 1 Year with Eaton PD
Officer Aaron Melling	1 Year of Service - Hired 3/16/2020

### K9 Rossi

Rossi – 3-Year-old  
German Shepherd.  
EPD K9 Since 2020

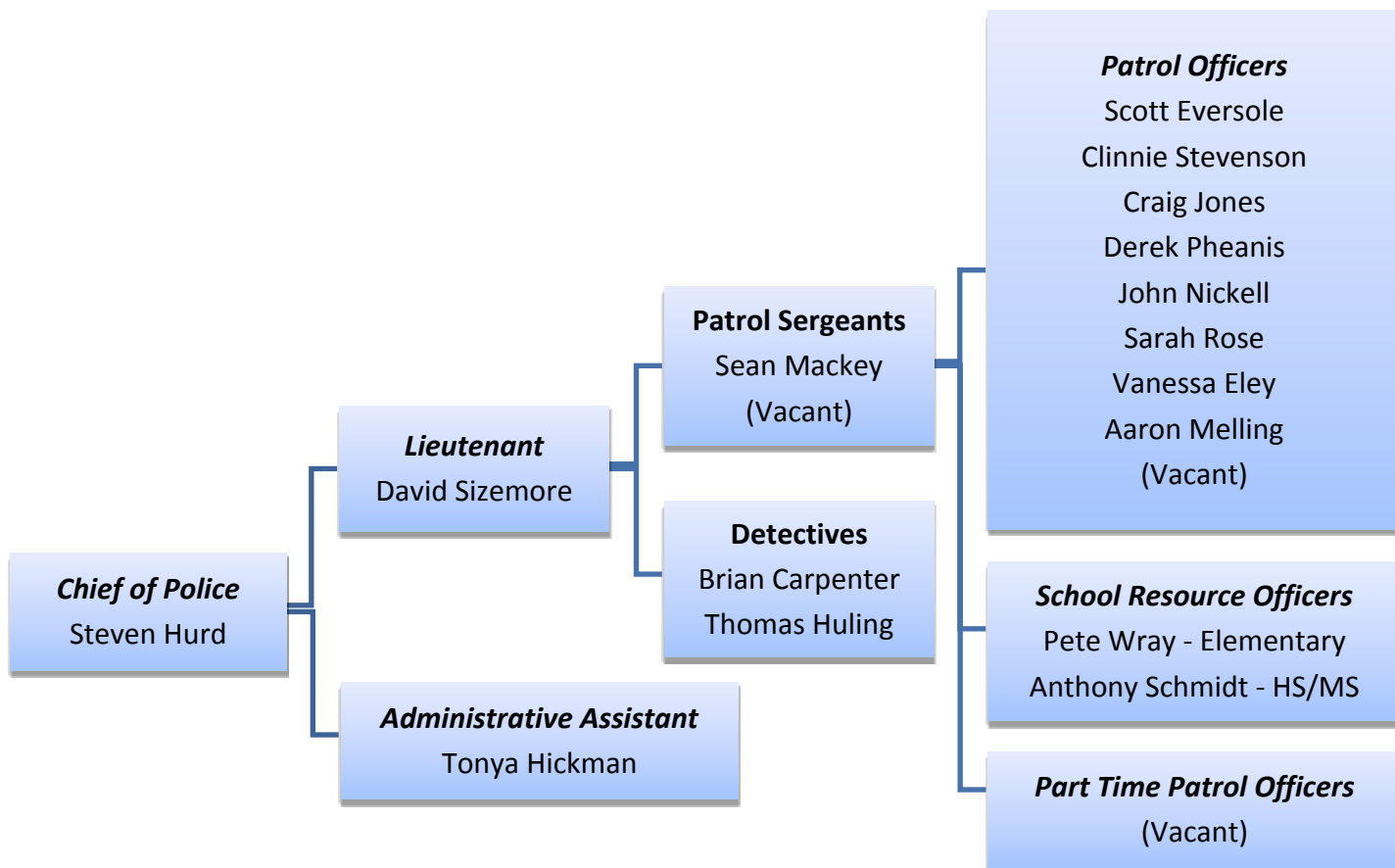


### K9 Shadow

Shadow - 6-Year-old  
German Shepherd.  
EPD K9 Since 2016



## Eaton Police Division 2020 Organizational Chart





## Activity Levels

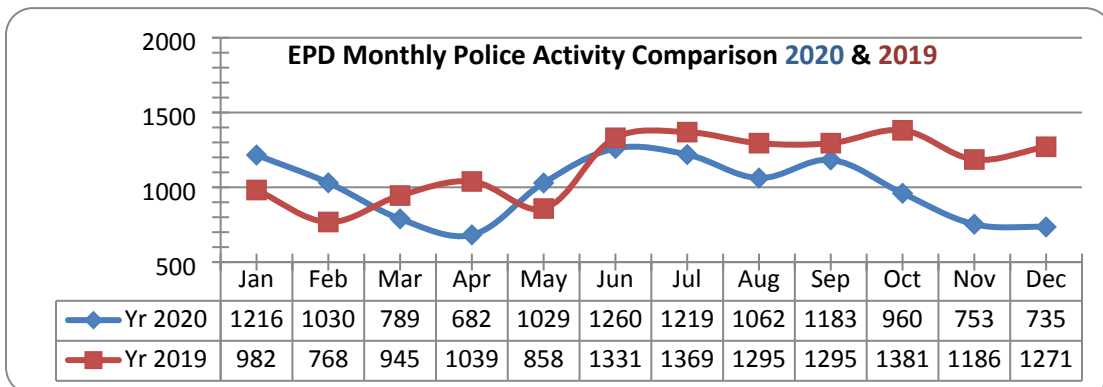
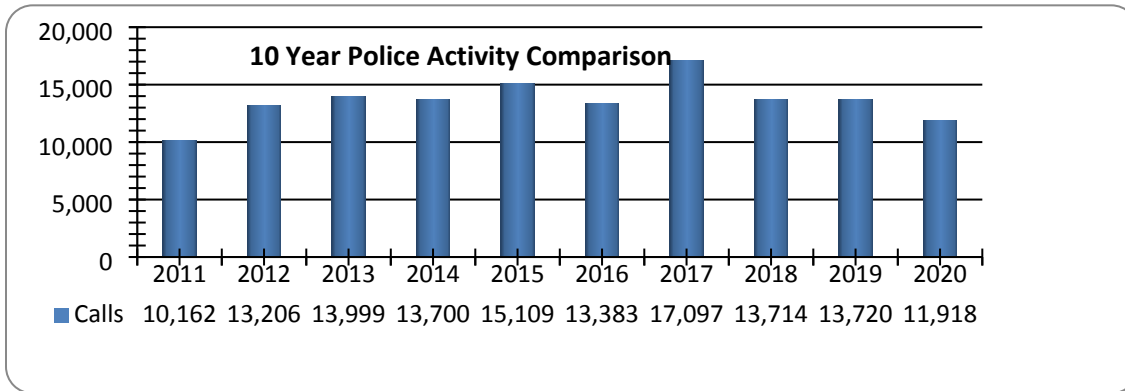
During 2020 there were **14,253** occurrences of public safety services. This includes citizen calls for Police, Fire, & EMS services as well as Police Officer self-initiated activity. The breakdown of the 14,253 occurrences is as follows:

- 11,918 were for Police services;
- 2,335 were for *Fire and/or EMS* services.

Of the 11,918 Police occurrences:

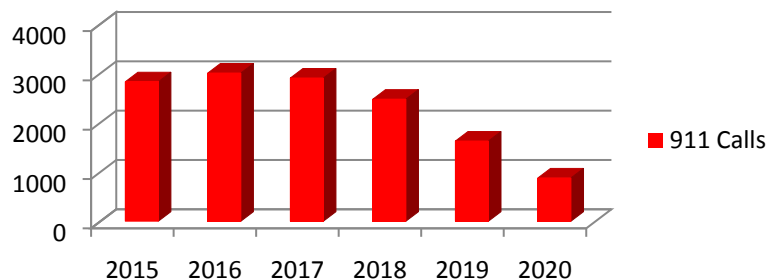
- 8,369 were citizen-initiated calls for service; an 15.7% decrease from 2019 (9,932).
- 3,549 were officer-initiated activity; a 6.3% decrease from 2019 (3,788).

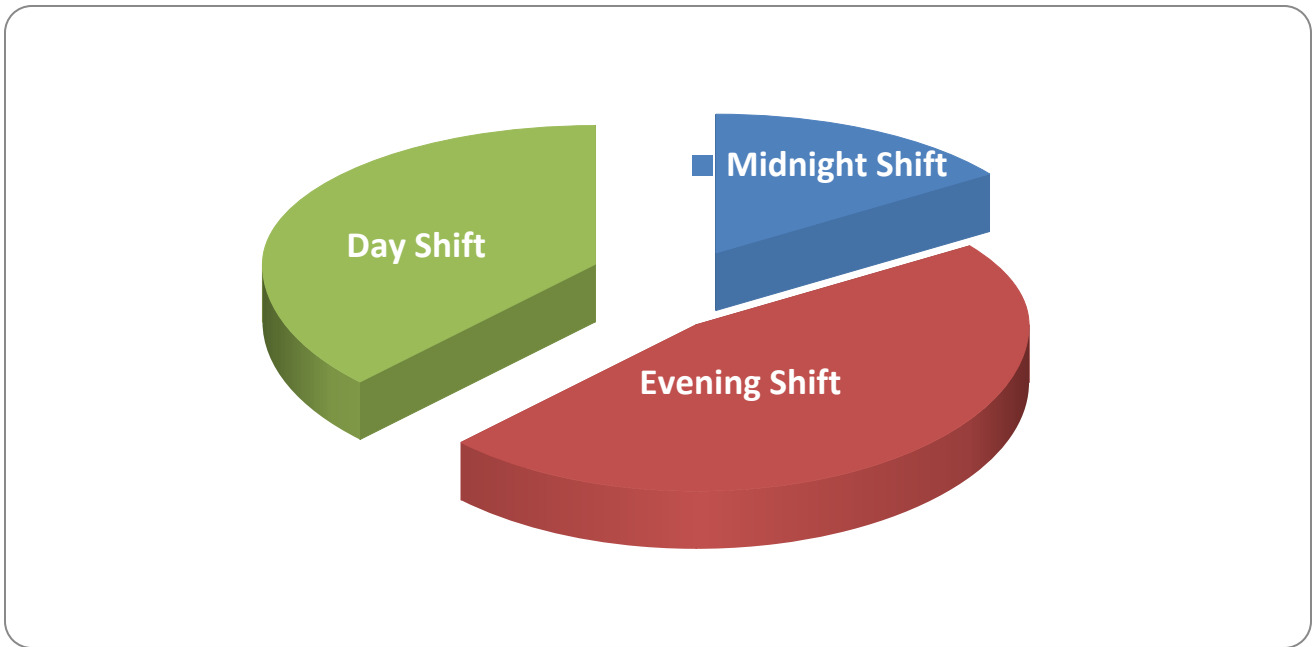
The 11,918 police occurrences reflected a 13.1% decrease in total police activity. Citizen calls decreased by 15.7% and police reports increased by 31.5%; 2,415 reports were taken in 2020 compared to 1,836 in 2019.



## 911 Calls

Of the total public safety calls received in 2020, **877** were received as a **911** call. A decrease of 46% from last year's 1,625 911 calls.





**Activity Distribution by Shift**

**% of Activity Load - 1 Hour Increments**

The below chart reflects the percentage of total activity handled in 2020, broken down by hour.

Midnight to 1 a.m.	2.2%		Noon to 1 p.m.	5.3%	
1 a.m. to 2 a.m.	2.3%	<b>Block →</b>	<b>1 p.m. to 2 p.m.</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	
2 a.m. to 3 a.m.	2.4%	↓	<b>2 p.m. to 3 p.m.</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	
3 a.m. to 4 a.m.	2.1%		<b>3 p.m. to 4 p.m.</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	
4 a.m. to 5 a.m.	1.5%		<b>4 p.m. to 5 p.m.</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	
<u><b>5. A.m. to 6 a.m.</b></u>	<u><b>1.3%</b></u>		<b>5 p.m. to 6 p.m.</b>	<u><b>7.0%</b></u>	
6 a.m. to 7 a.m.	1.8%		<b>6 p.m. to 7 p.m.</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	
7 a.m. to 8 a.m.	2.5%		<b>7 p.m. to 8 p.m.</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.	2.9%		<b>Block →</b>	<b>8 p.m. to 9 p.m.</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	4.0%			9 p.m. to 10 p.m.	5.5%
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	4.9%			<i>10 p.m. to 11 p.m.</i>	4.6%
11 a.m. to Noon	5.3%			11 p.m. to Midnight	3.1%

The busiest hour during the day was 5pm-6pm, with the busiest block of time being 1pm-9pm. The least busy hour of the day was 5am-6am.



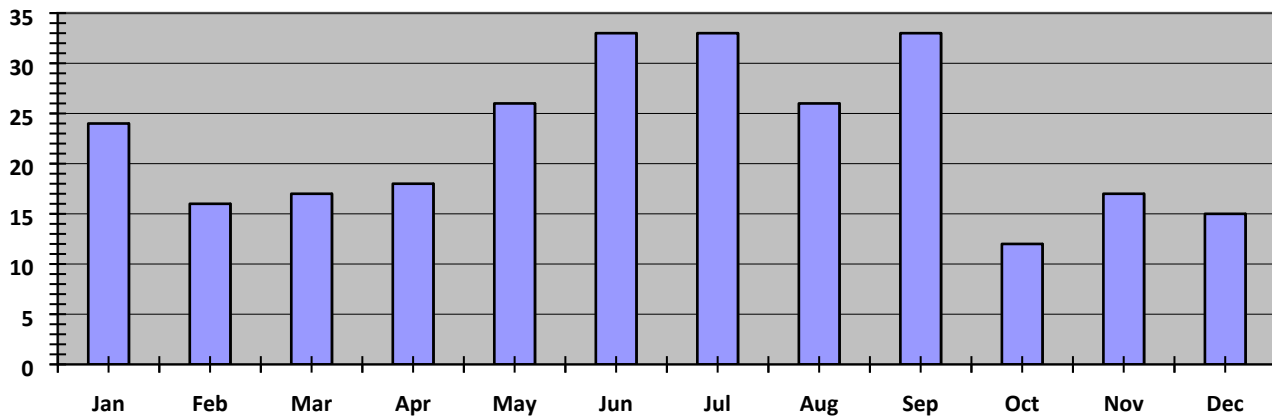
## Index Crimes

Index Crimes are those crimes which are considered violent crimes, crimes that affect the very fiber of society. Eaton continues to have a relatively low index crime rate. The strength (personnel and other resources) and the aggressiveness of the Eaton Police Division in conjunction with the support of the law abiding citizens of Eaton are key factors in keeping these levels low.

Crimes can be cleared by arrest, or with a disposition of “exception,” which means when some element beyond the control of law enforcement precludes the filing of formal charges against a suspect. The arrest of one person may clear several crimes or several persons may be arrested in connection with a single incident. As indicated below, overall index crimes for 2020 decreased by 39.3% from 2019.

<i>Index Crimes 2017 through 2020</i>					<i>Clearance Rate</i>			
	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change 2019 – 2020	2020 Reported Crimes	2020 Crimes Cleared	Percentage Cleared
Homicide	0	0	0	1	100%	1	1	100%
Rape	0	2	6	6	0%	6	3	50%
Robbery	3	1	3	0	-300%	0	0	NA
Assault	14	20	50	41	-18%	41	36	90%
Burglary	31	16	48	24	-50%	24	13	54%
Theft	265	264	341	207	-39.3%	207	119	57%
Motor Vehicle Theft	8	8	15	12	-20%	12	4	33%
Arson	3	0	0	1	100%	1	0	0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>-36.7%</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>57.5%</b>

Index Crimes by Month for 2020



## Arrests

There were 726 people arrested in 2020, 21 arrests more than the 705 in 2019, or an increase of 2.8%. Total arrests include 697 adults and 29 juveniles. Arrested persons often are charged with more than one crime and as a result the total charges filed will exceed the total number of people arrested.

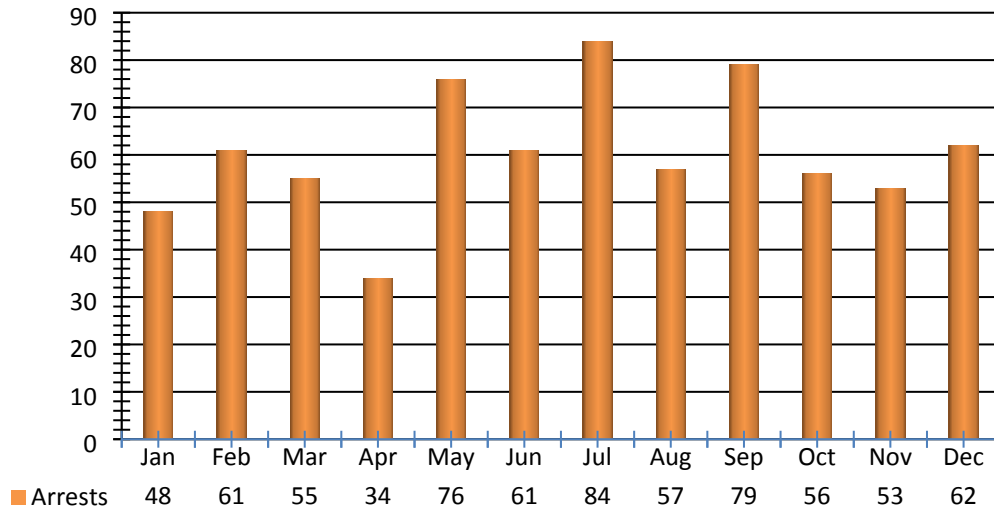
### Charges Filed in 2020

Adult Parole Violation	5	Menacing	27
Animal Laws	13	Misconduct at an Emergency	3
Assault	31	MV Theft	12
Burglary\B&E	24	Noise Violations	3
Chemicals to Manufacture Meth	0	Obstruction of Justice	56
Complicity	8	Offenses Involving Rail Roads	0
Consumption of Liquor in MV	0	Open Container	5
Contributing to Delinquency	2	OVI	37
Corruption of a minor	0	Passing Bad Checks	1
Crim Misc\Damaging	52	Physical Control	0
Criminal Tools	0	Poss of Drugs - Schedule III/III	102
Cultivating/Manufacture Drugs	0	Possessing Drug Abuse Instrument	87
Curfew	5	Possession of Marijuana	43
Deception to Obtain Prescription	0	Probation Violation	0
Disorderly	86	Protection Order Violation	23
Disrupting Public Service	4	Public Indecency	0
Disseminate Matter Harmful to Juv	3	Purchase Pseudoephedrine	0
Domestic Viol	39	Rape	5
Drug Paraphernalia	120	Receiving Stolen Property	4
Endangering Children	12	Resisting Arrest	21
Failure to Appear (Warrants)	153	Robbery	0
Falsification	0	Sale of Liquor to Underage	0
Fleeing Eluding Police Officer	3	Tampering with Evidence	5
Forgery	3	Telephone Harassment	9
Gross Sexual Imposition	1	Theft	207
Illegal Poss of Drug Document	1	Tobacco Viol	4
Importuning	1	Trafficking in Drugs	11
Inducing Panic	4	Trespassing	60
Littering	2	Underage Consumption/Purchase	3
Loitering	5	Unlawful use of Vehicle	1
Making False Alarms	4	Vandalism	3

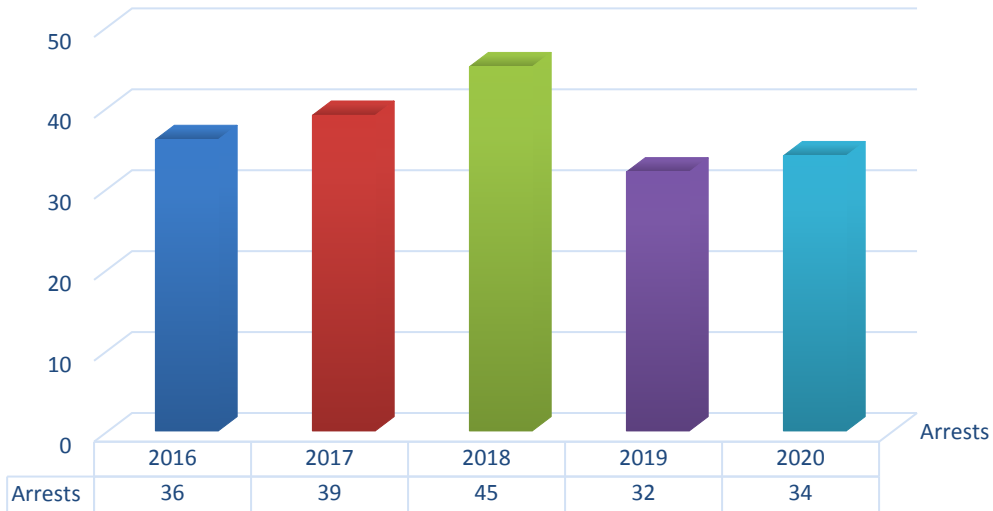
### Annual Summary of Officer Complaints

In 2020 we received three officer complaints on three different officers that were document in our intelligence reporting system. All three complaints were investigated to completion and closed.

### Total Arrests by Month 2020



### OVI Arrest 5 Year Comparison



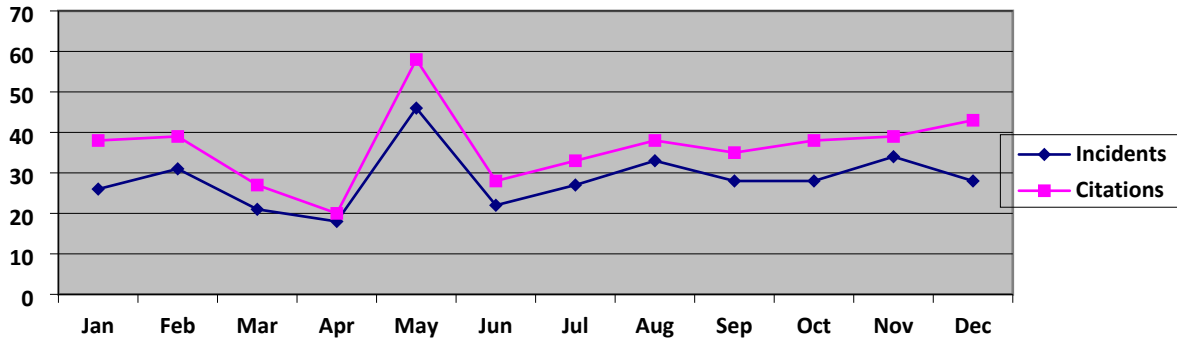
### 5 Year Incident Summary

Incidents	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Vehicular Crash – Non-injury	196	175	165	233	162
Vehicular Crash - Injury	46	49	49	45	26
Vehicular Crash - Fatal	1	0	0	0	0
Animal Complaints	219	215	169	201	220
Burglaries \ B&E's	81	34	33	48	81
Criminal Mischief	113	79	44	68	84
Disorderly Conduct	382	392	256	232	214
Domestic (Non-violent)	43	27	31	99	145
Domestic Violence (Violent offense)	12	20	16	28	37
Drug Related Incidents \ Drug Labs	284\1	393\1	299\0	222\0	209\0
DUI (OVI)	36	39	45	32	34
Menacing/Harassment	26	16	28	9	0
Juvenile Complaints	192	205	168	121	188
Citizens Assists	130	170	166	136	215
Liquor Complaints (Excludes DUI)	7	4	3	2	9
Noise Complaints	133	135	69	67	2
Parking Complaints	229	171	176	160	208
Suicide	1	2	1	0	0
Suicide Attempts	5	6	8	4	6
Suspicious Calls	1744	1632	1419	1138	1379
Threatening \ Menacing	39	23	19	48	64
Traffic Complaints	223	232	212	249	237
Traffic Stops by Officers	728	897	948	1597	792
Telephone Harassment	59	37	41	50	18
Trespass Complaints	157	206	163	152	158

### Traffic Stops/Violations

In 2020 Eaton Police Officers initiated 598 traffic stops and we received 0 bias based policing complaints. We handled 342 incidents where at least one (1) traffic citation was issued. The bottom line in the graph below represents the monthly breakdown of those incidents. Of those incidents, one or more citations may be issued. In 2020, 433 citations were filed from those 342 incidents. Each citation corresponds to a violation of City or State traffic laws. The light-colored line in the graph below represents the monthly break down of the citations filed by the Eaton Police Division in 2020. Most of the citations stemmed from 792 traffic stops and 229 motor vehicle crashes.

Monthly Citations from Traffic Incidents



### Motor Vehicle Crashes

The 229 Motor Vehicle Crashes that occurred on City streets was a 22.4% decrease over last year’s 299 crashes (these totals do not include private property crashes). The table below shows the monthly breakdown of crash reports handled and their totals. There were no fatal crashes in 2020.

Month	Private Property	No Injury Crashes	Crashes with Injuries	Traffic Offenses Cited	OVI Involved
January	4	18	3	1	2
February	3	19	0	2	0
March	1	6	1	1	0
April	3	10	2	1	0
May	4	15	3	11	1
June	3	19	3	9	0
July	4	8	2	6	0
August	6	11	5	5	0
September	3	8	1	4	0
October	6	13	1	7	0

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November	3	15	2	9	1
December	1	20	3	11	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>4</b>

## Employee Recognition Activity Awards

Activity Awards are presented to officers for activity they perform throughout the year. Activity includes calls for service as well as officer-initiated activity such as business checks, vacation house checks, foot patrols, traffic stops, arrests, etc. Each officer-initiated event or incident counts as 1 line of activity for the officers. Officers are proud of the proactive work they do in our community and we make sure to recognize them for their hard work.

### Years of Service Awards



Detective Brian Carpenter reached 25 years of service and Lieutenant David Sizemore reached 35 years of service in 2020.

### ZERO Sick Time Award



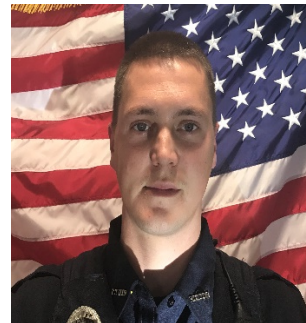
Administrative Assistant Tonya Hickman, Detective Brian Carpenter, Officer Clinnie Stevenson, Lieutenant David Sizemore, Officer Pete Wray, Sergeant Sean Mackey, Chief Steven Hurd, Officer John Nickell, and Officer Vanessa Eley all used 0 hours of sick leave in 2020. We applaud them on their dedication to the agency and their accomplishment in not using any sick time. Tonya Hickman has not used a sick day during her 10 years of service with the Eaton Police Division.

### Most Active Officer Award:



Officer Stevenson's 1,926 actions of activity made him the most active officer on the department. Officer Stevenson made it a priority in 2020 to be active and vigilant on the midnight shift and his hard work paid off.

### 1500+ Activity Award:



Officer John Nickell had 1,752 officer events for 2020



# Employee Recognition

## Employee of the Year



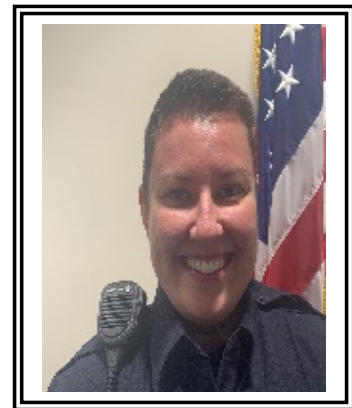
Selecting an Employee of the Year is a tradition that began in 2011 for the Eaton Police Division. Each year staff members get the opportunity to nominate a co-worker who they feel best exhibits the agency's Guiding Principles of Teamwork, Integrity, Commitment to Excellence, Ethics, and Professionalism. Our 2020 winner is School Resource Officers Pete Wray and Anthony Schmidt. Both Officers have been outstanding in fostering relationships with the students, staff, and parents. I have received numerous compliments and appreciation of both officers assigned to the schools. Officer Wray and Officer Schmidt completed the Ohio School Resource Officer school and joined the Ohio School Resource Officer Association. They also completed ALICE training and became instructors in 2020.



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## “Proud to Serve” Award

**Officer Vanessa Eley** won the 2020 “*Proud to Serve*” Award. Proud to Serve is our motto at the Eaton Police Division and the recipient of this award is selected by the administrative team. Officer Eley has been a part of the Eaton Police Division team since 2019. Officer Eley has taken a lead role for the agency in training and as an instructor. Officer Eley became a certified Standard Field Sobriety instructor and Taser instructor. She instructed both trainings in 2020 to the Eaton police team. Officer Eley attended REID Interviews and Interrogations school and took a prominent lead role in our Crisis Intervention program.



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## Investigation of the Year Award

The 2020 Investigation of the Year Award went to Detective Brian Carpenter for EPD case #2020-153. This case shows Detective Carpenter’s hard work and is a great example of our Guiding Principles of Teamwork and Commitment to Excellence. This is the first homicide in Eaton since 2005. Detective Carpenter showed great teamwork by working with the Preble County Coroner’s Office, the Preble County Prosecutors Office, Vancrest, OARRS, and with other EPD officers. Detective Carpenter conducted several follow-ups, obtained subpoenas, and multiple recordings throughout the course of this investigation. He also conducted multiple interviews and interrogations. Detective Carpenter was able to obtain a suspect confession in this case.







# 2020 Community Involvement

## Officer Appreciation Day First Baptist Church

For the past few years Pastor Stensas invited officers to attend his church where officers were recognized for their service and given an opportunity to spend more one on one time with community members.



## Birthday Party!

Officer Pheanis and K-9 Rossi were invited and honored to attend this 5-year old's birthday party. He will make a great addition to our EPD team!



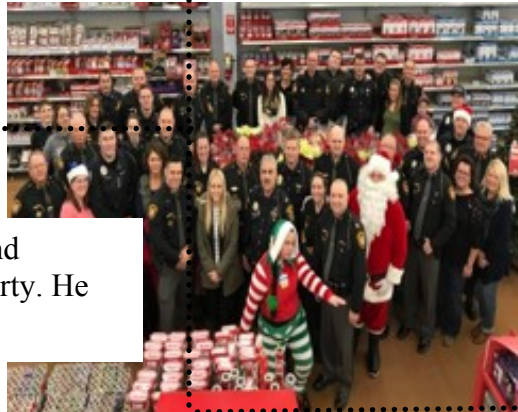
## A Place to Grow Daycare

Officer Pheanis interacted with the children and staff at A Place to Grow daycare. Officer Pheanis handed out child identification kits.



## Cops and Kids

An annual event organized by the Preble County Sheriff's Office where all of Preble County law enforcement participates. Officers are privileged to shop with kids and their families before Christmas.



## East Elementary Superhero Day

School Resource Officer Pete Wray participated in East Elementary superhero day where each kid got to dress up as their favorite superhero. Pete dressed up as Deadpool.

